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ARIZONA CATTLE ON FEED INVENTORY CONTINUES TO INCREASE

On January 1, 2005, Arizona had 331,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 13 percent from a year ago, and up 2,000 head from last month. December 2004 placements totaled 33,000 head, up 1,000 head from December 2003. During December, 30,000 head were marketed, an increase of 36 percent from last December.

On January 1, 2005, California had 535,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, up 5 percent from last January and up 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 72,000 head, up 3 percent from December 2003. During December, 62,000 head were marketed, up 7,000 head from last December.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.3 million head on January 1, 2005. The inventory was slightly above January 1, 2004 and 6 percent above January 1, 2003. The inventory included 7.19 million steers and steer calves, up 5 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 64 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.05 million head, down 7 percent from January 1, 2004.

Placements in feedlots during December totaled 1.83 million, 5 percent above 2003 and 14 percent above 2002. This is the highest placements for the month of December since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.74 million. During December, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 465,000, 600-699 pounds were 558,000, 700-799 pounds were 489,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 322,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during December totaled 1.78 million, 2 percent above 2003 but 1 percent below 2002.

Other disappearance totaled 92,000 during December, 2 percent above 2003 but 7 percent below 2002.

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